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118. The process of claim 101, wherein the eluant is a buffer solution that comprises water and Tris at a pH value of from 5 to 9.
119. The process of claim 101, whereby the nucleic acids are plasmid or genomic DNA.

REMARKS

The claims presented are 101-119.

New claims 101-118 correspond to appealed claims 62-68 and 70-80, submitted in the preliminary amendment filed with the instant application, as amended by the amendment filed November 24, 1997. The new claims are submitted to correct the inadvertent clerical errors mentioned, above. In the amendment submitted November 24, 1997, claim 64 as originally filed was rewritten as claim "63," which rendered incorrect the numbering of subsequently rewritten claims. The amendment submitted March 31, 1999, was filed to correct the incorrect claim numbering; but, inadvertent errors resulted in the wrong claims being identified as claims 93-97. Because of the complicated nature of the errors, and entire new set of claims is presented, hereby.

The undersigned sincerely regrets any inconvenience caused the examiner and the USPTO by the aforesaid inadvertent errors.

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Favorable action commensurate with the foregoing is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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